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Pursuant to the authority in Sections 3.1-724 and 3.1-730 of the Code of Virginia (1950) as amended, the Board of Agriculture and Consumer Services hereby adopts the following Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Control and Eradication of Pullorum Disease and Fowl Typhoid in Poultry Flocks and Hatcheries and Products Thereof in Virginia.

2 VAC 5-90-10. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in these regulations, shall have the following meaning, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Baby poultry" means newly hatched poultry (chicks, poults, ducklings, goslings, keets, etc.) that have not been fed or watered.

"Department" means the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

"Flock" means all of the poultry on one premises, except that, at the discretion of the department, any group of poultry which is segregated from other poultry and has been so segregated for a period of at least 21 days may be considered as a separate flock.

"Hatchery" means incubators, hatchers, and auxiliary equipment on one premises operated and controlled for the hatching of poultry.

"Hatching eggs" means fertile eggs used to produce poultry.

"Person" means any person, firm, or corporation.

"Poultry" means live fowl, including chickens, turkeys, waterfowl, and game birds, which are propagated and maintained under the control of any person.

"Products" means poultry breeding stock and hatching eggs, baby poultry, and started poultry.

"Pullorum disease or pullorum" means an infectious and contagious disease of poultry caused by *Salmonella pullorum*.

"State Veterinarian" means a Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services veterinarian employed by the Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services who is responsible for the animal health programs in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

"Started poultry" means young poultry (chicks, pullets, cockerels, capons, poults, ducklings, goslings, keets, etc.) that have been fed and watered, and are less than six (6) months of age.

2 VAC 5-90-20. Authority.

Authority for the control and eradication of pullorum and typhoid in poultry in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby vested in the State Veterinarian. It shall be the function, power and duty of the State Veterinarian to administer the following provisions:

- A. All poultry hatcheries and hatchery supply flocks within the Commonwealth of Virginia must qualify as U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or meet equivalent requirements for pullorum-typhoid control under supervision of the State Veterinarian.
- B. All shipments of products other than U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean, or equivalent into the Commonwealth of Virginia are prohibited.
- C. Whenever a veterinarian or other person performing poultry disease diagnostic services has knowledge or reason to suspect that pullorum or typhoid exists in a poultry flock or hatchery, he shall give notice of such fact to the State Veterinarian within 48 hours.
- D. Upon receipt of a report of pullorum or typhoid in poultry, the State Veterinarian shall direct an immediate investigation by an authorized representative to determine the origin and avenue of transmission of the infection.
- E. Flocks deemed to be infected with pullorum or typhoid shall be quarantined by the State Veterinarian. Quarantined flocks or any portion thereof shall not be removed from the premises where the infection was detected, except with the written permission of the State Veterinarian.
- F. All poultry shown in public exhibitions in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall originate from U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid Clean or equivalent flocks or have had a negative pullorum-typhoid test within 90 days of the movement to the public exhibition.

2 VAC 5-90-30. Poultry flock requirements.

All poultry flocks from which hatching eggs are set in any Virginia hatchery must be in compliance with the current pullorum-typhoid provisions of the National Poultry Improvement Plan. (9 CFR, §§ 145.1 through 145.54.)